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a monument to its author's laborious industry, and his painstaking capacity for compilation?

We think this ninth edition should not have been published at all, and therefore there is only left for consideration the "notes."

The notes by Prof. Williston are concise and precise, and if those of them which relate to the subject of pure contracts had been published separately from Parsons's work, they would have constituted an excellent and useful monograph. Their usefulness is very much impaired, and therefore their value depreciated by their connection with Parsons's work, because as they must of necessity follow the discursive and diffusive treatment of Mr. Parsons, they partake of that character. They miss coherence and logical sequence, because they follow the Parsons's text.

It is exceedingly regrettable that the ability and research exhibited in these notes should be to a considerable extent, at least, lost by reason of the fact that the notes follow the scattering fire of Parsons's blunderbus.

RUMSEY'S PRACTICE. Second Edition, Vol. III., Albany, N. Y.: Banks and Company, pp. liii, 828.

The present volume treats of actions relating to real property, actions relating to chattels, the particular actions specified in Chapter XV of the New York Code of Civil Procedure, and, proceedings supplementary to an execution against property.

An examination of volumes II and III of Rumsey's Practice does not give reason to change the opinion expressed in Vol. III of the COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW, p. 133, on the appearance of the first volume of this second edition, as to the general character of the work; but it may and should be said that the later volumes have materially strengthened the conviction there intimated that the reviser, Mr. John S. Sheppard, Jr., was performing his work with a care and thoroughness which did not mark some portions, at least, of the original work, and which greatly increase the value of the present edition. The work, now completed, in its present form, will undoubtedly be extremely useful to lawyers practicing in the Courts of Record of the State of New York.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. By Leslie J. Tompkins. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1904. pp. xxxi, 264.

The standard treatises on the law of corporations are voluminous compilations, notably those of Judge Thompson and Mr. Cook, and in a lesser degree those of Mr. Morowitz and Mr. Taylor, and with their full citation of authorities, are better adapted for the use of the practitioner than the student. A text book setting forth succinctly the leading principles of the law of corporations for the benefit of students was therefore a real desideratum. Professor Tompkins has undertaken to satisfy this need, and the little book which he has prepared for this purpose is a very compact and readable summary of the subject. It is probably the best *summary* that has yet been written and is well adapted to give a very superficial knowledge of the subject, the sort of knowledge that would be perhaps sufficient for the purpose of passing a State Bar examination. The book, however, gives evidence of having been hastily prepared, and no attempt has been made to go below the surface of text book statements and judicial dicta